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Regarding the White House announcement concerning the intelligence community, Marcy said this had caused a good deal of concern in the Committee. He said that it was generally interpreted as a move to "kick Helms upstairs," thus isolating the only reliable and independent voice in the intelligence community, and placing the major elements of the community under hand-picked Administration men subordinate to Dr. Kissinger. Marcy said Senator Symington was particularly concerned about this. I said I thought there was nothing in the White House announcement, or in my own knowledge or experience that lent any weight to this theory. I noted there had been concern for some time, particularly in the Congress, over the untidiness of the intelligence machinery, and a strong desire to bring at least the financial aspects of the community under tighter coordination and control. I said this seemed to me the obvious explanation of the White House move, and that there was certainly no reason to think the Director, who had always had two hats, was now about to discard his CIA hat.

In closing I reminded Marcy of his request some time ago for copies of NIEs regarding Southeast Asia. He said he was delinquent in getting back in touch with me, and wondered if I had any suggestions. I said that since providing the Estimates was out of the question, it seemed to me the only solution was to start out by referring to the Director's testimony before the Committee, which I thought would cover most of the points at issue. I suggested the Committee first review the transcripts of this testimony, after which we would be glad to consider any additional questions they might have. Marcy said this was an interesting idea and he would think it over.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, an

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5. (Unclassified - RW) Miss Frances Roberts, in the office of Representative David Henderson (D., N.C.), called to ask if a [] 25X1A [] was employed by the Agency, and if so, could a message be given to him to call them. After checking with Personnel, I advised Miss Roberts we had no record of [] working for the Agency. She thanked me and said she would try State Department and DOD.

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